

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE
TODD COUNTY
CLERK**

**For The Year Ended
December 31, 2002**



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The enclosed report prepared by Ross & Company, PLLC, Certified Public Accountants, presents the statement of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the County Clerk of Todd County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2002.

We engaged Ross & Company, PLLC to perform the financial audit of this statement. We worked closely with the firm during our report review process; Ross & Company, PLLC evaluated the Todd County Clerk's internal controls and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr.
Auditor of Public Accounts

Enclosure



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE TODD COUNTY CLERK

**For The Year Ended
December 31, 2002**

Ross & Company, PLLC has completed the Todd County Clerk's audit for the year ended December 31, 2002. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement is presented fairly in all material respects.

Financial Condition:

Excess fees decreased by \$703 from the prior calendar year, resulting in excess fees of \$18 as of December 31, 2002. Revenues increased by \$7,283 from the prior year and disbursements increased by \$7,986.

Deposits:

The Clerk's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities or bonds.

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the County Clerk of Todd County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2002. This financial statement is the responsibility of the County Clerk. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the County Clerk's office prepares the financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2002, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 2, 2003, on our consideration of the County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ross & Company, PLLC

Audit fieldwork completed -
October 2, 2003

TODD COUNTY
 BILLY FOWLER, COUNTY CLERK
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES

For The Year Ended December 31, 2002

Receipts

State Grants		\$	162
State Fees For Services			4,020
Fiscal Court			5,056
Licenses and Taxes:			
Motor Vehicle-			
Licenses and Transfers	\$	309,214	
Usage Tax		684,260	
Tangible Personal Property Tax		566,439	
Licenses-			
Marriage		3,898	
Deed Transfer Tax		25,049	
Delinquent Tax		36,568	1,625,428
Fees Collected for Services:			
Recordings-			
Deeds, Easements, and Contracts	\$	8,400	
Real Estate Mortgages		7,236	
Chattel Mortgages and Financing Statements		33,410	
Powers of Attorney		660	
All Other Recordings		17,955	
Charges for Other Services-			
Miscellaneous		2,937	
Copywork		1,912	72,510
Interest Earned			341
Total Receipts		\$	1,707,517

TODD COUNTY

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

BILLY FOWLER, COUNTY CLERK
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2002
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Disbursements

Payments to State:

Motor Vehicle-

Licenses and Transfers \$ 250,707

Usage Tax 663,723

Tangible Personal Property Tax 211,233

Licenses, Taxes, and Fees-

Delinquent Tax 5,842

Legal Process Tax 9,950 \$ 1,141,455

Payments to Fiscal Court:

Tangible Personal Property Tax \$ 42,629

Delinquent Tax 4,346

Deed Transfer Tax 23,796 70,771

Payments to Other Districts:

Tangible Personal Property Tax \$ 289,919

Delinquent Tax 16,751 306,670

Payments to Sheriff

664

Payments to County Attorney

5,082

Operating Disbursements:

Personnel Services-

Deputies' Salaries \$ 74,840

Employee Benefits-

Employer's Share Social Security 8,101

Employer's Share Retirement 9,111

Employer's Paid Health Insurance 4,978

Other Payroll Disbursements 1,895

Contracted Services-

Advertising 155

Printing and Binding 1,980

Materials and Supplies-

Office Supplies 6,495

Other Charges-

Libraries and Archives Grant Expensed 162

Dues 666

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TODD COUNTY
 BILLY FOWLER, COUNTY CLERK
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2002
 (Continued)

Disbursements (Continued)

Operating Disbursements: (Continued):

Other Charges (Continued)-

Postage	\$	2,800	
Telephone		2,083	
Miscellaneous		98	
Election Expense		<u>1,410</u>	<u>\$ 114,774</u>

Total Disbursements \$ 1,639,416

Net Receipts \$ 68,101

Less: Statutory Maximum 62,259

Excess Fees \$ 5,842

Less: Expense Allowance \$ 3,600

Training Incentive Benefit 2,224 5,824

Excess Fees Due County for Calendar Year 2002 \$ 18

Payment to County Treasurer- March 11, 2003 18

Balance Due at Completion of Audit \$ 0

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TODD COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 2002

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

A fee official uses a fund to report on the results of operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fee official uses a fund for fees to account for activities for which the government desires periodic determination of the excess of receipts over disbursements to facilitate management control, accountability, and compliance with laws.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this basis of accounting, certain receipts and certain expenditures are recognized as a result of accrual at December 31, 2002.

The measurement focus of a fee official is upon excess fees. Remittance of excess fees is due to the County Treasurer in the subsequent year.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the County Clerk's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county officials and employees have elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a multiple-employer public retirement system that covers all eligible full-time employees. Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5.0 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 6.41 percent for the first six months and 6.34 percent for the last six months of the calendar year.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65.

TODD COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2002
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Note 2. Employee Retirement System (Continued)

Historical trend information pertaining to CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is present in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report which is a matter of public record.

Note 3. Deposits

The County Clerk maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to KRS 64.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the County Clerk and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met, and as of December, 31 2002, the County Clerk's deposits were fully insured or collateralized at a 100% level with collateral of either pledged securities held by the County Clerk's agent in the County Clerk's name, or provided surety bond which named the County Clerk as beneficiary/obligee on the bond.

Note 4. Grant

In 1999, the County Clerk received a Library and Archives Grant from the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives in the amount of \$9,080. The unexpended grant balance as of January 1, 2002 was \$161. The grant account earned \$1 interest, and funds of \$162 were expended during calendar year 2002. There is a \$0 grant balance as of December 31, 2002.

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
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Report On Compliance And On Internal Control
Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the statement of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Todd County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated October 2, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Todd County Clerk's financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2002, is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

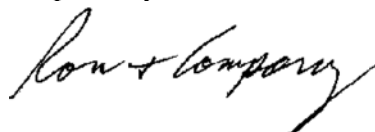
Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Todd County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards
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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ross & Company, PLLC

Audit fieldwork completed -
October 2, 2003

